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The present invention provides techniques to allow person-to-person scheduling of automatic program recording for personalized television. Generally, a first person (called a ``scheduler'' herein) schedules a program to be recorded by a personalized television recorder controlled by a second person (called a ``recipient'' herein). It is determined if the scheduler is authorized to ~~scheduler~~schedule a recording on behalf of the recipient. If so, the program is recorded unless there is a conflict with another program or if other conditions are met.